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Dear Alaskan,

The Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) adopted the Hatcher Pass Management Plan on November 17, 2010. The Land Classification Order No. SC-09-003 and Mineral Closing Order No. 1107, which implement the plan, have also been adopted. This plan affects 294,919 acres of state land.

The Hatcher Pass Management Plan provides the basis for state land and resource management in the Hatcher Pass area. It primarily deals with recreation, both motorized and non-motorized, and mining, which are the principal uses of the area. This plan is a revision of the 1986 management plan and the result of a two year planning and public participation process and multi-agency coordination.

The final plan consists of the Public Review Draft (PRD), which was distributed in March 2010, and a list of the Approved Revisions to the PRD. The list of Approved Revisions is derived from the Issue Response Summary, which is a document that addresses the issues identified through public and agency comments and provides recommendations for revisions to the plan where appropriate. Only the recommended revisions to the draft plan are contained in the list of Approved Revisions. The PRD, Issue Response Summary and Approved Revisions are available online on the DNR webpage at: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/planning>.

A 20 day period is being provided for reconsideration of the Commissioner's decision beginning on December 9, 2010.

A person affected by the decision to adopt the Hatcher Pass Management Plan, Land Classification Order No. SC-09-003, and Mineral Closing Order No. 1107, may request reconsideration, in accordance with 11 AAC 02. Any reconsideration request must be received within 20 calendar days after the date of "issuance" of this decision, as defined in 11 AAC 02.040(c) and (d). **Requests for reconsideration of this decision are due by 5:00 PM on December 28, 2010.** The request may be mailed or delivered to Dan Sullivan, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; faxed to 1-907-269-8918; or sent by electronic mail to dnr.appeals@alaska.gov. If reconsideration is not requested by that date or if the commissioner does not order reconsideration on his own motion, this decision goes into effect as a final order and decision on January 7, 2011.

Failure of the commissioner to act on a request for reconsideration within 30 days after issuance of this decision is a denial of reconsideration and is a final administrative order and decision for purposes of an appeal to Superior Court. The decision may then be appealed to Superior Court within a further 30 days in accordance with the rules of the court, and to the extent permitted by applicable law. An eligible person must first request reconsideration of this decision in accordance with 11 AAC 02 before appealing this decision to Superior Court. A copy of 11 AAC 02 may be obtained from any regional information office of the Department of Natural Resources.

Sincerely,

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